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Holiday Spirit Is Stirring

An Editorial

The Ideal Christmas of Our Dreams

Every one of us sometime or other has had the vision of an ideal Christmas and when Christmas had come and gone our dream was only partially fulfilled.

Why not plan to make this Christmas the Christmas of your dreams?

It has been a year of prosperity to our people—Clarksburg sets a new pace.

You have with you this year some dear one who may not be here a year hence, and never again may it be possible to have the Christmas dream realized as it might be this year.

Aside from the commercial part of it, it would be a fine satisfaction to this store to be able to assist you in your ideal Christmas, and we know that we are in position to do so better than ever before.

First of all, to have an ideal Christmas you will, of course, do your Christmas planning

and shopping as soon as may be possible and have your mind at ease.

Last year people did their Christmas shopping earlier than ever before. If you were one of the fortunate early shoppers, you know how much easier it was and what a personal satisfaction it was to you.

Perhaps in your home you have been longing for a dinner service; there is a floor in a certain room that a rug would grace; a china closet needs replenishing; the curtains and draperies are growing dingy; the linens need replacing or a chest of silver would add the finishing touch to an otherwise perfect dining room; and so on all the way through the house.

The devoted wife may be secretly wanting a new suit or coat, or, perhaps it may be a fur set.

Whatever it is you are thinking of we will try and help you well.

Let us try to make this the real Christmas of our dreams.

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True Values

Main St., Between "2 and 3"

Money Saving Change in the Prohibition Law is Seen by Magistrate

BY MA GISTRATE WILLIAM E. STARCHER

The Yost prohibition law is one of the grandest statutes that has been enacted since the birth of West Virginia. Its proper and perfect enforcement has already and will continue to feed women and children hitherto deprived of the actual necessities of life, aid the widows and orphans, protect the feeble and infirm and educate, feed and clothe many a poor child who, without such a law, would have grown up in ignorance and poverty, and become fit subjects for our insane asylums, penitentiaries and poor houses, possibly becoming inmates of them.

There is no question about the great saving on the one side that this law will effect; but what about the cost of enforcing the law?

While we agree that this law is worth all it costs, the writer is of the opinion that the expense to the state, which in the end means the people, could be greatly reduced and at the same time better results could be obtained.

As the law now stands, some one, either a public officer charged with the enforcement of the law, or an individual, must first lodge information regarding any violation or suspected violation of its provisions. When a warrant is issued, a police officer makes an arrest and takes the accused person before some justice

of the peace. But, what for; or, in other words, what can the justice of the peace do?

Absolutely nothing except to hold a preliminary hearing, and, if there is reason to believe that the accused person may be guilty, wholly or in part, of the offense charged, hold him either under bond or behind the bars of the county jail, for the action of the next grand jury.

In nine cases out of ten, in which the unlawful sale or use of intoxicating liquors is charged, and in which the accused person is actually guilty, a preliminary hearing is postponed, bond is furnished and the case goes to the grand jury weeks and perhaps months away.

Now, at the time of the arrest, the evidence is fresh in mind and at hand and everything is ready to go to a hearing at once. But, what are the usual results later on when the grand jury meets? It is seriously questioned by our higher courts whether a justice of the peace can legally hold a witness for future appearance in any more liability than his personal recognition. Consequently, the guilty person, who will as a rule do everything possible to escape punishment under the law, has by some smooth work got the evidence out of the jurisdiction of the court, there is no indictment and the state is called

upon to pay all the expense thus far incurred, which, in the average run, will amount to something like \$10 or \$12.

Now, in my humble opinion, a better plan would be to give justices of the peace concurrent jurisdiction with the criminal court in all first offense cases under the Yost law. By so doing, justice would be expedited, the guilty would not have such a loophole through which to escape the penalties and the state would be saved in the course of the year a vast amount of money now paid out for nothing.

If the justice of the peace should at the first hearing find the accused person guilty, and I am speaking particularly of the guilty ones, the costs of the prosecution can in many instances be collected from him.

Now, do not let any one suppose for a moment that I speak from a selfish interest as a magistrate. A magistrate gets his fees anyway, whether he finds an accused person guilty at a preliminary hearing, or whether the case is required by law to be sent over to the grand jury. The only difference is that in the latter case the state usually pays the costs and in the former the costs, as I have set forth, can be collected from the individual or he can be made to do a little work for the state.

CHRISTMAS GOODIES MAY BE SENT BY PARCEL POST

Postmaster General Says They Can Be Received as Fourth Class Matter.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Postmaster Burleson has made himself Santa Claus' chief assistant by a recently promulgated flat postmaster's are informed that Christmas goodies if properly packed may be sent by parcel post. Nuts and raisin cakes and candies and all the other sweet things so dear to the infantile heart—and best for their stomach—are to be received at all postoffices in the United States as fourth class matter. The recent order goes further still. Dealers and manufacturers of proprietary articles of merchandise, as well as those of nuts, fruits, and candies will be permitted to put up their goods in sealed packages if labeled "so as to show the nature of contents, quantity, and name of producer, manufacturer or dealer." This new postal order will prove a great

boon to those desiring to utilize the parcel post at Christmas time. The postoffice department also reports that extensive preparations are already being made to handle all holiday mail most expeditiously. Every possible convenience will be arranged to simplify and expedite the sending and receiving the matter sent by parcel post.

President's Thanksgiving Turkey
The president did not partake of his usual Thanksgiving turkey in the White House this year. As planned he journeyed to Williamstown, Mass., where he will spend a couple of days at the Sayre homestead. It is known that the president is very fond of his young son-in-law, and as Mrs. Sayre cannot come to Washington this year to dine with her father (off of the splendid specimen of the national bird which every Thanksgiving is duly received from a patriotic Kentuckian no matter which of the political parties happen to be in power), the president decided to treat

himself to a Thanksgiving celebration in the Berkshires. It is whispered, however, that the stork is now the most interesting of all bipeds to the chief executive, who is full of pride at the thought of his soon to be acquired brand new dignity as a grandpapa.

Something New under the Sun
It is quite the fashion these days to be hypercritical. Some folks even criticize the father of his country, and scoff not only at his saintliness but even dare to question the accuracy of the cherry tree and the hatchet story. Now a young connoisseur and self-constituted art critic has been scrutinizing the famous paintings in the rotunda at the capitol. And the young man has written an account of the flaws he has discovered in the time honored paintings. He declares that in the picture of Washington resigning his commission in the Continental army one of the young girls shown in the foreground has three hands. Girls have often been accused of having three faces, but three hands is something new. Opecananough, the Indian chief, is shown at the baptism of his niece Pocahontas in his bare feet with six toes on his left foot. And last and worst of all he thinks, is the picture of the "Signing of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia, July 4, 1776."

The captious young man points out that this is a grievous error, for while the declaration was adopted July 4, it was not signed until August 2, 1776. But nevertheless, thousands of good Americans will continue to visit the capital of the nation, and the national capitol, and they will find just as much pleasure in the great paintings in the rotunda in spite of the inaccuracies so carefully pointed out. Some Washingtonians are glad the wise young man can not get up to examine the Goddess of Liberty on top of the dome, for he would not doubt discover that she did not have "her cap on straight."

Knitting at Theater Party
Mrs. Lindsey M. Garrison, wife of the secretary of war, and a bevy of society ladies all members of a beautifully gowned box-party at the Columbia theater the other afternoon were seen to be industriously plying their crochet hooks and knitting needles between the acts. The ladies are members of a club gotten up by Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, widow of the late Colorado mining king, and her daughter, Mrs. Edward B. McLean. Mrs. Joseph Leiter, and Mme. Emmanuel Haveth, wife of the Belgian minister, are also members of the club who are so industriously knitting three days a week making articles for the use of the needy Belgians. Last week a large box containing several hundred warm and useful articles was sent through the American Red Cross to the Belgian consul in New York for those in dire need in his unhappy but heroic little country. The bravery of the Belgian people and their ruler have won the big American heart. King Albert is often alluded to in Washington as the big king of the finest little kingdom in Europe. Many years ago John Phillip Sousa the March King, wrote the stirring music of "Hands Across the Sea." Today America's generosity to the stricken people across the ocean makes the words true. But the new tune is Hearts and Hands across the Sea.

Surface Association Non-partisan.
The national association at its 48th annual convention just held at Nashville, Tenn., triumphantly established the fact, so long disputed by certain factions, that the great body of suffragists in the United States are completely in harmony with the views held by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and

her co-workers. Mrs. Stanley McCormick of New York, whose able work as the treasurer of the national board last year earned her the honor, was elected first vice president. Mrs. Desha Breckinridge of Lexington, Ky., grand daughter of Henry Clay, and noted southern suffragist, was re-elected second vice president. Mrs. Medill McCormick's marked efficiency as chairman of the congressional committee received due recognition.

The new board of the association enthusiastically re-elected her to that important position, and Mrs. Antoinette Funk, to whose legal acumen and talent along legislative lines the Shafroth resolution is due was elected vice chairman. Mrs. Funk will take charge of the active campaign in Washington, as Mrs. McCormick after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Hanna, intends returning to Springfield, where she will remain with her husband during the session of the Illinois legislature. Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Funk state that they plan to renew their active work for both the Shafroth and Bristow-Mondell constitutional amendments just as soon as Congress reconvenes.

Much regret is expressed in this city that Mrs. Sherman Booth of Glenwood, Ill., will not return to Washington this winter, as a member of the congressional committee, for she won all hearts when she was here last season. Mrs. Booth, however, will succeed Mrs. Katherine McCulloch as chairman of the committee on literature.

Dr. Shaw and the other officers of the national board are all the recipients of hearty congratulations from the friends of suffrage, not alone on their re-election but upon the almost unanimous and most hearty endorsement of the non-partisan policy of the national association, a policy diametrically opposed to the plans of the Congressional Union, who waged a fruitless fight at the convention in their frantic endeavors to saddle upon the national association their policy of fighting the whole Democratic party. Wiser, more reasonable, as well as more logical and just methods, however, were adopted by a unanimous vote. The coming year it is believed will prove to be the most important in many years for the cause of woman.

SURFACE WATERS ARE SATURATED WITH IMPURITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Findlay have arrived home from Mt. Savage, Md., where they visited relatives.

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organisms which cause digestive disturbances and serious troubles, such as dysentery, cholera and tuberculosis, may be carried into the water used for domestic purposes. At the recent International Congress on Tuberculosis, Dr. Samuel Dixon, health officer of Pennsylvania, called attention to the possibility of the dissemination of tuberculosis through drinking tubercular-infected water, and it is known that the tubercular bacillus may live and remain in water for several months. For each death from typhoid fever avoided by the purification of public water supplies, two or three deaths are avoided from other causes.

The preservation of the purity of our surface water supplies is shown to be a matter which vitally concerns every citizen of West Virginia. The movement started by the water works and sewerage board to prevent stream pollution has met with universal favor and many assurances of support have been given the board by senators and members-elect of the state legislature.

INSTITUTE

Will Be Held at West Union December 3 by Temperance Society.

A Woman's Christian Temperance Union Institute will be held at West Union Wednesday, December 3. It will be conducted by Mrs. Ellen Cheuvront. The program follows:
9:15—Organ prelude.

9:30—Opening exercises, Mrs. J. D. McReynolds.
9:50—Appointment of committees.
10:00—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union—What It Is; What It Has Done; Some Things It Plans to Do.
10:20—Vocal music.
10:30—Woman's Christian Temperance Union Departments, by county superintendents.
11:30—Demonstration—National Prohibition. Why? How? When?—Mrs. Orpha St. Clair.
12:00—Noon prayer.
12:00—Afternoon Session.
1:30—Organ prelude.
1:35—Opening service, Mrs. J. D. McReynolds.
1:45—The meeting of the local union—Mrs. Blanche Bleakley.
2:00—Exposition of our periodicals and literature—Mrs. Alta Clemmens.
2:15—Loyal Temperance Union—Mrs. Lola Hayman.
2:30—Vocal music.
2:40—Laws and Law Enforcement—Mrs. Cora R. Ogden.
Discussion.
3:15—Organizing Local Union—State Organizer Mrs. S. E. Leith.
3:40—Vocal music.
3:50—Parliamentary drill—Mrs. C. B. Clark.
3:40—Question box.
5:00—Adjournment.

She—Oh, do be careful! You trod right on me corns!
He—Sorry! Why do you grow such things?
She—I grow 'em for a 'obby. Like as some grow horchids and such—
It London Sketch.

E. C. Long, of Charleston, arrived at the Waldo hotel Saturday night.
A. B. Post is here from Jane Lew.

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